

A Student-Veteran's Checklist, Created in Partnership with the Drexel Veterans Task Force and DVA

Co	ollege Financing
	Apply for your certificate of eligibility from the VA and send it to Drexel.
	Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually.
	Complete Veterans Benefits Request form annually (This form is available on the Drexel Central website.)
	Plan out a source of revenue for periods of time when VA benefits will not cover my cost of living (e.g., during term breaks or vacation periods).
	Make plans in advance to cover living and out-of-pocket expenses for a minimum of three months.
Sta	ay Connected & Informed at Drexel
	Visit Information Resources & Technology: http://drexel.edu/irt/ . Learn more about the following services at this important homepage and service.
	Set up a Drexel email account at http://accounts.drexel.edu & monitor your Drexel email daily and if you use another nail provider, link it to your Drexel email: http://www.drexel.edu/irt/accounts/setup/ .
	Configure laptop or mobile device to Drexel's wireless network (DragonFly) http://www.drexel.edu/irt/networks/wireless/dragonfly3/ .
	Use the Drexel Ap on your phone to access DrexelOne and other services http://www.drexel.edu/irt/D1M/Overview/ .
	Visit DrexelOne Daily to find important announcements and services.
	Watch for emails from Rebecca Weidensaul, Office of Veteran Student Services for "student-veteran" specific announcements, deadlines, reminders, opportunities
	Join the Drexel Veterans Association https://drexel.collegiatelink.net/organization/drexel-veterans-association .
Be	fore My First Quarter
	Identify the name and contact information for your academic advisor; the complete list is located at: p://drexel.edu/provost/aard/advising/undergraduate-advisors/.
	Have a conversation with your advisor regarding your academic plan, time to degree, window of benefits, number of co-ops, first-term schedule, and more.
	If you have a documented disability, contact the Office of Disability Resources (ODR) to discuss the documentation process for accommodation.
	Know where I will be living during the academic year – contact Campus Housing for assistance
	Ensure that all required vaccinations are complete and provide Drexel with a certified copy of my immunization record
	Secure healthcare coverage through Drexel University or have provided documentation of existing coverage consistent with university guidelines.
	Make arrangements for transportation, including parking if applicable or the process for getting discounted SEPTA trail/transpass; visit: http://drexel.edu/dbs/studentCenters/creeseCenter/Services/SEPTA%20ComPass/

	Complete my health insurance and immunization forms.
	Sign up for and attended a Drexel student orientation session.
	Obtain Drexel student identification card from the Dragon Card office (Creese Student Center).
	Be familiar with campus, including building locations, support resources, and veteran-specific organizations.
	Be familiar with academic resources; visit http://drexel.edu/provost . You will find the following information: University Course Catalog, Course Offerings by Term, Course Descriptions, Final Exam Schedule, Elective Courses open to non-majors, Registration Information and Undergraduate Research information.
Ве	fore Each Quarter
	Know the date and time of my registration time ticket – Week 6 Priority Registration for Student-Veterans.
	Check Drexel One to ensure that I am not on hold at least one week prior to the opening of my registration time ticket.
	Register for classes as soon as the time ticket has opened.
	Print or otherwise save your final schedule of classes for easy access – check the night before class to see if rooms have changed.
	Visit the bookstore (Center City and University City) or visit DrexelOne to find out the books that are required for classes and estimate the overall cost.
	If registered with the Office of Disability Resources (ODR), be sure to request and pick up a copy of my renewed Accommodation Verification Letter (AVL).
Du	ring the Quarter – Best Practices to Promote Academic Success
	If registered with the Office of Disability Resources (ODR), have e-mailed a copy of the Accommodation Verification Letter (AVL) for each instructor.
	If using official Drexel e-mail to communicate with instructors, it is good to archive those communications in the event that they become important later.
	Save a copy of your syllabus, notes, graded assignments for each class –you may need to reference them in the future.
	Create a study and assignment schedule/checklist and placed important dates on your calendar.
	Create a study schedule and stick to it.
	Review course materials and/or the example problems before class.
	Create pre-class notes from reading/homework to identifying key concepts or get clarity on questions.
	Complete all assignments on time. However, if you are unable to meet at deadline, don't skip class; that will only make things worse. Show up to class and talk to your instructor to discuss your challenge and talk about any possible options you may have.
	Take lecture notes and review weekly by yourself, with a classmate or a tutor.
	Speak to instructors for clarity regarding concepts, assignments, and/or deadlines – use office hours, email or call them.
	Check your Drexel email daily for any announcements from faculty or classmates.
	Use Grade Tracker (available from the Drexel Learning Center) or another method for knowing where I stand in all of my classes.
	Consult an academic advisor in final decision making regarding registration, course drop/withdrawal, change of major, and all other academic transactions and appeals.

During the Academic Year – Get Involved on Campus & In The Community		
	College is more than a physical place where you attend classes; Drexel presents many opportunities for my intellectual, personal, social and professional development outside the classroom. Get involved: http://drexel.edu/studentaffairs/ and http://drexel.edu/studentaffairs/ and http://drexel.edu/studentaffairs/ and http://drexel.edu/studentaffairs/	
	Recognize the power of networking with faculty, administrators, employers, and peers; I continually work to grow, nurture, maintain, and leverage my network. Attend Drexel Veterans Association Events!	
	Recognize that giving back can give me a sense of purpose –explore civic engagement opportunities: http://www.drexel.edu/lindycenter/ .	